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OPA Daily Digest for 9/26/14

Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Roy Blunt (Mo.) – Email – 9/5/14: Deed restriction on contaminated property near the Missouri Electric Works site in Cape Girardeau. Due: 9/12/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Rad Waste Monitor – Jeremy Dillon – 9/25/14: Requesting statement from EPA about PRP's analysis of SSE in the Bridgeton landfill. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

Iowa Public Television – David Miller - 9/26/14: Pitched waters of the U.S. event in Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Iowa Public Radio – John Pemble - 9/26/14: Pitched waters of the U.S. event in Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Iowa State University Communications Office – Fred Love - 9/26/14: Pitched waters of the U.S. event in Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Kirksville Daily Express – Jason Hunsiker – 9/26/14: Pitched op-ed about the waters of the U.S. proposal. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Maryville Daily Forum – Jim Fall - 9/26/14: Pitched op-ed about the waters of the U.S. proposal. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Chillicothe Constitution Tribune – Catherine Ripley - 9/26/14: Pitched op-ed about the waters of the U.S. proposal. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Rolla Daily News – Paul Hackbarth - 9/26/14: Pitched op-ed about the waters of the U.S. proposal. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Quad City Times – Mark Ridolfi - 9/25/14: Pitched op-ed about the waters of the U.S. proposal. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Sioux City Journal – Chris Coates - 9/25/14: Pitched op-ed about the waters of the U.S. proposal. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Lawrence Journal World – Ann Gardner - 9/24/14: Pitched op-ed about the waters of the U.S. proposal. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

St. Joseph News Press – Dennis Ellsworth - 9/24/14: Pitched op-ed about the waters of the U.S. proposal. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

KMOX Radio St. Louis - County Health Department Calls for Further Study of Health Problems in Coldwater Creek Area - 9/26/14 - The St. Louis County Health Department has now joined the Missouri Health Department in asking the federal government to take a closer look at why cancer rates are so high in residents living around Coldwater Creek, which was contaminated by nuclear waste after World War II. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/09/26/county-health-department-calls-for-further-study-of-health-problems-in-coldwater-creek-area/>

KMOV Ch. 4 St. Louis - Residents calling upon community to fill out health survey about Coldwater Creek – 9/25/14 - Residents in north St. Louis County are concerned after a recently released report shows the large number of cases possibly linked to nuclear contamination from Coldwater Creek and they are asking the community to fill out a survey. <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Coldwater-Creek-contamination-research-expanded-to-include-larger-North-County-area-276991051.html>

Kansas Public Radio - EPA official says Clean Power Plan key to minimizing climate change (audio) - 9/26/14 - The regional administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency says climate change is already happening. Karl Brooks, administrator for the EPA's Region 7, which includes Kansas, says the best way to minimize climate change is to implement the EPA's Clean Power Plan. <http://salinapost.com/2014/09/26/epa-official-says-clean-power-plan-key-to-minimizing-climate-change/>
Also Kansas Health Institute, High Plains Public Radio (Kan.), KMWU Wichita Public Radio

St. Louis Public Radio - EPA Official Talks About Proposed Carbon Dioxide Limits — And How They Could Play Out In Missouri (audio) - 9/25/14 - Earlier this summer, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed the first-ever rule to cut carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants. St. Louis Public Radio's Véronique LaCapra spoke with EPA Regional Administrator Karl Brooks about the plan, which Brooks said is designed to give states maximum flexibility. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/epa-official-talks-about-proposed-carbon-dioxide-limits-and-how-they-could-play-out-missouri>

Lincoln Journal Star - Experts urge scientific approach to climate change - 9/25/14 - Two things scare world-renowned climatologist and drought expert Don Wilhite when it comes to climate change. The first is the degree of change the world is facing. The second, and more terrifying, is the general lack of knowledge he sees in many political leaders. http://journalstar.com/news/local/experts-urge-scientific-approach-to-climate-change/article_3c3a24ef-89d9-5e7e-82b7-5c1270b89a7f.html

York News Times - Sen. Fischer: Time to listen - 9/25/14 - We all want clean air and we can be proud of the tremendous improvements we have made in air quality over the past several decades. However, EPA's new mandates are a significant departure from true aims of the Clean Air Act. http://www.yorknewstimes.com/editorial/time-to-listen/article_066bf2a4-4472-11e4-af6f-1f0798636c1e.html

KSPR Ch. 33 Springfield, Mo. - Demolition begins for City Government Plaza parking lots project - 9/25/14 - Crews will begin demolishing the parking lot at the City Government Plaza. It's part of a grant-funded project to demonstrate ways of managing storm water that reduces the amount of runoff and pollution that reaches local streams. http://www.kspr.com/news/local/demolition-begins-for-city-government-plaza-parking-lots-project/21051620_28240264

Grand Island Independent - Brooks: Clean water serves agriculture and health - 9/25/14 - When Congress passed the Clean Water Act in 1972, it didn't just defend the mighty Mississippi or Missouri rivers from pollution. It also protected the smaller streams and wetlands that flow into rivers like the Loup, Elkhorn, Lower Platte, and Niobrara in Nebraska. http://www.theindependent.com/opinion/another_opinion/clean-water-serves-agriculture-and-health/article_f6ec0dd6-4418-11e4-a472-1777e14cb12a.html
Also Muscatine Journal

Kansas City Business Journal - EPA fines KCK company \$1.5M for mishandling hazardous waste - 9/25/14 - Harcros Chemicals Inc. in Kansas City, Kan., was ordered to pay

a \$1.5 million fine Thursday after pleading guilty to one count of storing hazardous waste without a permit. <http://www.bizjournals.com/kansascity/news/2014/09/25/epa-fines-kck-company-1-5m-for-mishandling.html>

Kansas City Kansan - KCK chemical company ordered to pay \$1.5 million fine for mishandling hazardous waste - 9/25/14 - A chemical company with a plant in Kansas City, Kan., pleaded guilty and was sentenced Thursday to pay a \$1.5 million fine for violating a federal law regulating the storage of hazardous waste, U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom said. <http://www.kckkansan.com/2014/09/kck-chemical-company-ordered-to-pay-15.html>

Iowa State Daily (Ames) - New projects aim to improve agriculture - 9/25/14 - The Iowa Nutrient Research Center is funding 10 new research projects at Iowa's regent universities. The projects are largely based on river water quality. Researchers are investigating nutrients in the water and how to use new tools to improve agricultural farming. http://www.iowastatedaily.com/news/article_9bb41602-4422-11e4-8a1e-2bf1693d6c21.html
List of 10 projects - http://www.iowastatedaily.com/dct/article_8e8c74c4-4436-11e4-8ad1-fb61f6eb9e64.html

Columbia Daily Tribune - Callaway hog farm foes seek hearing on permit application - 9/25/14 - Opponents of a proposed hog-breeding operation that would bring 10,000 sows to western Callaway County want the Missouri Clean Water Commission to hold a public hearing to highlight technical problems with the application. http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/local/callaway-hog-farm-foes-seek-hearing-on-permit-application/article_ca0f2c92-3e11-5bda-9fa7-28ee4737999e.html

Ozark Sentinel - Missouri Citizen's Group Requests Hearing as DNR Considers Approval of Industrial Hog Farm in Callaway County - 9/24/14 - Greenlighting of large-scale facility by state agency would threaten nearby waterways with millions of gallons of discharge waste; put environment and community health at-risk. <https://www.ozarkssentinel.com/missouri-citizens-group-requests-hearing-as-dnr-considers-approval-of-industrial-hog-farm-in-callaway-county/>

Lake Expo - Lake Ozark could save half a million on sewer project - 9/25/14 - The vast sewer project begun by the city of Lake Ozark in 2010 will cost less than the original assessment forecasted, the city is reporting. http://lakeexpo.com/news/lake_news/lake-ozark-could-save-half-a-million-on-sewer-project/article_addb29ae-44d3-11e4-b8e2-9f38d015f52a.html

KYTV Ch. 3 Springfield, Mo. - Investigators look for source of contaminant that reached Jordan Creek - 9/26/14 - The search continues for a mystery pollutant that got into Jordan Creek from a spring. The odd color and strong odor were discovered early Wednesday. Water quality investigators spent the day trying to find the source. http://www.ky3.com/news/local/crews-work-to-keep-polluted-spring-water-out-of-sewer-system/21048998_28225086

Iowa Farmer Today - Groups advocate recycling incentives on farm - 9/25/14 - Time and money are two big factors in the future of recycling ag waste. But, steps to reduce it at the source have already been taken. http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/crop/groups-advocate-recycling-incentives-on-farm/article_52cc33f0-441f-11e4-8d23-b78fb5a8105a.html

Midwest Energy News - Exelon says nuclear 'at risk' designation is little help - 9/25/2014 - An executive for the nation's largest nuclear generator said U.S. EPA's proposed carbon plan, which designates 6 percent of the nation's nuclear capacity "at risk" for retirement, provides little help to prop up financially struggling reactors. <http://www.midwestenergynews.com/2014/09/25/exelon-says-nuclear-at-risk-designation-is-little-help/>

Lincoln Journal-Star - LES surprised at low number of sign-ups for solar energy program - 9/25/14 - When Lincoln Electric System officials launched their solar energy program in August, they had high hopes for a good showing of customer support. Two months later, they're surprised by what they see as a low rate of buy-in. http://journalstar.com/news/local/les-surprised-at-low-number-of-sign-ups-for-solar/article_5a44e247-e759-5fa4-9d4d-d087a0ad6e5e.html

Associated Press - Coal companies having tough year so far - 9/25/14 - Though environmental rules are making new coal plants prohibitively expensive and leading to the closure of some older plants, it's really market conditions — oversupply and the advent of cheap natural gas — that are hitting coal miners hardest, said Ken Colburn, a senior associate at the Regulatory Assistance Project who specializes in air regulations. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/coal-companies-having-tough-year-so-far/article_8529f5f6-ec6f-5bc9-aaea-027fb7c4e4e2.html

Nebraska Watchdog - Diesel still being sucked out of ground near new Lincoln arena - 9/26/14 - Three years after the city began cleaning up a railyard to make room for a

new arena, diesel continues to be sucked out of the ground across the street from Lincoln's year-old \$186 million Pinnacle Bank Arena, beneath new restaurants and condos.
<http://watchdog.org/173427/lincoln-arena-8/?roi=echo3-22523334359-22617495-4ed50a9d0beeb1a49adb0ac400f6687>

Midwest Energy News - Study: Small towns can save big with efficiency, renewables - 9/26/14 - A pair of Iowa studies found that both utilities and their customers in small towns can substantially cut costs if they invest in deep efficiencies and, to a lesser extent, in renewable sources of generation.
<http://www.midwestenergynews.com/2014/09/26/study-small-towns-can-save-big-with-efficiency-renewables/>

Brownfield Ag News - Report: Climate change presents big challenges for ag - 9/26/14 - One of the lead authors of a new University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) report on climate change says Nebraska farmers and ranchers will face significant weather-related challenges in the coming decades. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2014/09/26/report-climate-change-presents-big-challenges-for-ag/>

Greenwire - McCarthy sticks with Obama admin's economy-focused talking points - 9/25/14 - The American economy can only flourish if the global climate is stable, U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy told a Washington, D.C., audience this morning. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060006447/>

EcoWatch - EPA Chief Gina McCarthy Calls Out Climate Deniers - 9/26/14 - In a speech yesterday at environmental think tank Resources for the Future, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) head Gina McCarthy said it was "sad" that those who deny the need for action on climate change hide behind the excuse that it will hurt the economy.
<http://ecowatch.com/2014/09/26/epa-mccarthy-climate-change-deniers/>

Associated Press - Oil industry offers crude-train testing standards - 9/26/14 - The oil industry's lead trade group released new standards on Thursday for testing and classifying crude oil shipped by rail. The American Petroleum Institute said the standards were crafted in cooperation with regulators and the rail industry.
http://journalstar.com/business/local/oil-industry-offers-crude-train-testing-standards/article_102d713c-d359-5cc5-ad26-d6aa806b3247.html

National Geographic - The U.S. Renewable Fuel Standard: It's Not Just for Ethanol Anymore - 9/25/14 - The debate surrounding ethanol and federally mandated targets for its production tends to dominate the conversation about the United States' Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). But the Environmental Protection Agency recently issued a tweak to the RFS that also deserves attention. The agency said that electricity generated from biogas counts toward compliance with the RFS.
<http://energyblog.nationalgeographic.com/2014/09/25/the-u-s-renewable-fuel-standard-its-not-just-for-ethanol-anymore/>

National Geographic - 8 Surprising, Depressing, and Hopeful Findings From Global Survey of Environmental Attitudes - 9/24/14 - The latest Greendex survey, conducted by the National Geographic Society (NGS) and the research consulting firm GlobeScan, shows that although consumers in many countries are adopting environmentally friendly behaviors, others live in wasteful cultures of consumption. <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2014/09/140926-greendex-national-geographic-survey-environmental-attitudes/>

National Geographic - Switch to Natural Gas Won't Reduce Carbon Emissions Much, Study Finds - 9/24/14 - Switching from coal to natural gas for power generation won't do much to reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions and might even raise them slightly, in part because it will discourage the use of carbon-free renewable energy, according to a study released Wednesday. <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/energy/2014/09/140924-natural-gas-impact-on-emissions/>

NPR - Solar Advocates Fight Utilities Over Grid Access (audio) - 9/25/14 - When people get electricity from the sun, they don't buy it from their local power company. But that utility still must have the generators and power lines to provide electricity when the sun is not shining. That's creating conflicts across the country.
<http://www.npr.org/2014/09/25/351437119/solar-advocates-fight-utilities-over-grid-access>

Forbes - Opinion: U.N. Leaders Must Include Nuclear Energy In Action Plan On Climate Change - 9/25/14 - The U.N. Climate Summit will build global partnerships among representatives from business, science, advocacy and government sectors. This plan must include realistic actions that take us toward sustainable energy solutions, including building renewables and harnessing the strengths of nuclear energy, which provides 60 percent of clean carbon-free energy in the U.S. today.
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/realspin/2014/09/25/u-n-leaders-must-include-nuclear-energy-in-action-plan-on-climate-change/>

Forbes - Column: EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy Defends Natural Gas - 9/25/14 - Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy defended today the

Administration's reliance on natural gas to meet its greenhouse-gas reduction goals. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/jeffmcmahon/2014/09/25/mccarthy-defends-natural-gas/>

USA Today - Climate change offers 'opportunity,' EPA says - 9/25/14 - Taking a new tack on climate change, the Obama administration touted Thursday the "opportunity" — rather than the cost — that climate action presents for the U.S. economy. <http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2014/09/25/climate-change-offers-opportunity-epa-chief-says/16209921/>

The Hill - CBO: GOP coal bill would cost \$97M - 9/25/14 - A Republican-backed bill aimed at protecting the coal industry by restricting the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) permitting ability for water pollution would cost the government \$97 million, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) said. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/218927-cbo-gop-coal-bill-would-cost-97m>

The Hill - EPA chief says to expect 'changes' in final climate rule - 9/25/14 - There will be "changes" made in the Obama administration's proposal to cut carbon pollution from existing power plants, according to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) chief Gina McCarthy. "People who know me well enough know there are going to be changes between proposal and final because we listen," McCarthy said on Thursday. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/218975-epa-chief-says-to-expect-changes-in-final-climate-rule>

The Hill - Watchdog faults EPA on failed asbestos tests - 9/25/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) internal watchdog criticized it for mismanaging tests on methods for demolishing buildings with asbestos. The EPA conducted research between 1999 and 2011 on alternatives to the federally regulated process for demolishing the buildings. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/218964-watchdog-faults-epa-on-failed-asbestos-tests>

National Journal - EPA Is Cracking Down on Dentists - 9/26/14 - Your dentist wants you to clean your teeth. The federal government wants your dentist to clean his office. The Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday released a proposal to cut down on the amount of mercury that winds up in the water supply as a result of a routine dental procedure. <http://www.nationaljournal.com/energy/the-epa-is-cracking-down-on-dentists-20140925>

International Business Insider - EPA Administrator: Acting On Climate Change Will HELP — Not Hurt — The Economy - 9/25/14 - Taking action on climate change will be helpful, not hurtful, for the economy. That's according to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administrator Gina McCarthy, who spoke in a public forum on September 24, and the results of a number of recent climate reports. <http://www.businessinsider.com/epa-administrator-on-climate-change-economics-2014-9>

International Business Times - Obama's EPA Chief: Failing To Address Climate Change, Curb Emissions Could Hurt US Economy - 9/25/14 - Gina McCarthy, EPA administrator, warned Thursday that public health, property and domestic industry could suffer from climate effects like extreme weather and rising seas, unless the U.S. and other nations can rein in greenhouse gas emissions. <http://www.ibtimes.com/obamas-epa-chief-failing-address-climate-change-curb-emissions-could-hurt-us-economy-1695069>

Responding to Climate Change - EPA chief hits back at critics of Obama's clean power plan - 9/26/14 - The architect of America's flagship clean power plan has hit back at critics who say it will harm the economy. Gina McCarthy, head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), accused the policy's detractors of "scare tactics" and "false warnings". <http://www.rtcc.org/2014/09/25/epa-chief-hits-back-at-critics-of-obamas-clean-power-plan/>

Environmental Leader - State Policies Effective In Reducing CO2 - 9/25/14 - Different strategies used by states to reduce power plant emissions — such as emission caps and encouraging renewable energy — are both effective, according to a study by the University of Colorado. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2014/09/25/state-policies-effective-in-reducing-co2/>

Christian Science Monitor - Climate Week is ending. What next? - 9/26/14 - A week of climate-themed events, public demonstrations, and diplomatic speeches on clean energy is coming to a close. What did the world accomplish on energy and climate this week, and what comes next? <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2014/0926/Climate-Week-is-ending.-What-next>

E&E News PM - Nuclear giants criticize EPA's handling of reactors in carbon proposal - 9/25/14 - U.S. EPA "missed the boat" on crediting new and existing nuclear projects under its greenhouse gas proposal for existing power plants and changes are in order before the rule is finalized, Southern Co.'s senior director of governmental affairs said today. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1060006467/>

E&E News PM - Enviros pressure EPA on bee deaths - 9/25/14 - More than a dozen environmental groups sent U.S. EPA a comment letter today, urging the agency to incorporate the latest science on the class of insecticides associated with bee deaths and declining bee health. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1060006468/>

BNA - Republican Senate Would Target EPA Rules; Congressional Review Act Changes Weighed - 9/25/14 - The prospect of Republicans wresting control of the Senate this fall has energized congressional opponents of environmental and other federal rules, who foresee Congress making greater use of the Congressional Review Act to overturn regulations—even as some conservative groups say the time is ripe to put more teeth in the little-used law. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=56841104&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f6d6e9v7&split=0

BNA - OMB Begins Review of EPA Vapor Intrusion Guidance to Ensure Consistent Cleanup - 9/25/14 - The White House Office of Management and Budget began its review Sept. 25 of Environmental Protection Agency vapor intrusion guidance intended to ensure consistent exposure assessment and mitigation actions at contaminated sites. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=56841118&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f6k3e1g5&split=0

BNA - Final Underground Storage Tank Rule Under Review by White House OMB - 9/25/14 - The White House Office of Management and Budget began reviewing a final Environmental Protection Agency rule that could expand monitoring and inspection requirements for certain underground storage tanks. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=56841108&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f6k2u0e3&split=0

BNA - McCarthy Says Power Plant Regulations Seen as 'Very Big Deal' Internationally - 9/25/14 - Countries around the world see the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed regulations on carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants as a "strong signal" the U.S. is serious about addressing climate change, Administrator Gina McCarthy told reporters Sept. 25. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=56841116&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f6k3b5n2&split=0

BNA - New Industry Standards for Oil Transport Include Guidance on Sampling, Testing - 9/25/14 - The American Petroleum Institute published a new set of standards and best practices for transporting crude oil by rail Sept. 25. The API's industry standards include detailed guidance on how frequently crude oil should be sampled, how to develop a sampling and testing program for crude and how to avoid overfilling rail tank cars. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=56841122&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f6k3j4g1&split=0

BNA - Voluntary Plan to Protect Prairie Chicken Accumulates Companies, Acreage, Projects - 9/25/14 - A voluntary range-wide conservation plan for the lesser prairie chicken is rolling ahead with company and landowner commitments and protective plans in the bird's Southwestern U.S. territory despite the federal decision earlier this year to apply Endangered Species Act protections to the species. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=56841133&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f6k7e1y3&split=0

BNA - EPA Open to Revising Power Plant Proposal, McCarthy Says as States Raise Concerns - 9/25/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency is open to revising its proposed carbon dioxide emissions standards for existing power plants as it gathers public input, Administrator Gina McCarthy said in a speech at Resources for the Future. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=56841117&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f6k3c2g3&split=0

BNA - EPA Methane Strategy Expected This Fall, McCarthy Says, But Release Not Imminent - 9/25/14 - Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy said the agency continues to develop its strategy for addressing methane emissions—including potential regulations—in anticipation of a release this fall but added that its release is not imminent. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=56841114&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f6k2y1p9&split=0

BNA - IG Says Millions Wasted, Safety Compromised In Failed EPA Asbestos Control Experiment - 9/25/14 - The EPA wasted millions of dollars and may have exposed workers and the public to unsafe levels of asbestos during a failed project to test an alternative method for controlling the cancer-causing substance during building demolition, the agency's Office of Inspector General said in a Sept. 25 report. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=56841120&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f6k3e7a5&split=0

Inside EPA - EPA Fixes Water SRF Spending Issues - 9/25/14 - EPA has taken additional steps to encourage states to spend unliquidated obligations (ULOs) from their drinking water state revolving funds (DWSRFs), prompting the agency's Inspector General (IG) to close its investigation of the issue. <http://insideepa.com/news-briefs/epa-fixes-water-srf->

[spending-issues](#)

Inside EPA - McCarthy Says 'Key Themes' In ESPS Comments May Shape Rule Changes - 9/25/14 - EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy says "key themes" raised in initial comments filed on the agency's proposed greenhouse gas (GHG) rule for existing utilities could shape revisions to the rule, including how it credits GHG cuts from nuclear power, the extent to which it accounts for new natural gas emissions, and states' GHG reduction goals. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201409252482473/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/mccarthy-says-key-themes-in-esps-comments-may-shape-rule-changes/menu-id-202.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

Update on the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site, Bridgeton, Missouri – 9/26/14 – Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

9/26/14 – UMKC Climate Action Event, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Amy Bhesania, 7147

9/29/14 – Carter Carburetor Site Tour, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

***9/29/14** – Meet with Earth City Board of Trustees, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

9/29/14 – West Lake Update for Congressional, City, and Airport officials, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

9/30/14 – Strong Cities Strong Communities Update with Mayor Francis Slay, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Charlie Foley, 7710

9/30/14 – Midwest Energy Policy Conference, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

10/1/14 – Meeting with Jason Klumb, Regional Administrator for GSA, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

10/2/14 – Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

10/4/14 – Iowa Sierra Club Annual Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/3/14 – Iowa Water Challenges Outreach Event with Brody Middle School, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

10/9/14 – Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Energy & Environmental Roundtable and Reception, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Dave Bryan, 7433

10/10/14 – Nebraska State Bar Association, La Vista, Neb. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

***10/21-22/14** – EPA Lean Summit, Washington, D.C. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

10/30/14 – COOP Exercise, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

11/12/14 – Native American Heritage Event Discussion on “Climate Change and Adaptation in Indian Country, Regional Office. Contact: Alex Owutaka, 7584

11/18/14 – Region 7 Small Business Environmental Assistance Providers, Regional Office. Contact: Gary Bertram, 7533

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10/1/14 – Meeting with Jason Klumb, Regional Administrator for GSA, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

10/7/14 - Employee Appreciation Event, Regional Office contact: Monica Espinosa, 7541

10/30/14 – COOP Exercise, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

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RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

9/26/2014 – EJ Screen Demonstration, MDNR, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: B. Corazzin, 7429

9/30/14 - 10/2/14 - Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Project Officer Training, Washington, D.C. Contact: Corazzin, 7429

9/30/14 – National EJ Coordinator’s Meeting in Washington, D.C. Contact: Tamara Freeman, 7094

10/5-8/14 – Superfund 101 Training, Chicago, Illinois. Contact: A. Moses, 7649

10/19-22/14 – Senior Enforcement Managers Meeting, Washington, D.C., Contact: D. Singletary, x7373

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

9/29-30/14 - Healthy Schools Outreach, Missouri School Plant Managers' Association Conference, Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. Contact: Kathleen Fenton, 7874 and Harry Diesel, 7382

SUPR

10/7/14 – Greater St. Louis Sub-Area Committee, Industry Day Workshop for spill response strategies on the lower Missouri River, St. Charles, Mo. – Contact: Jeff Weatherford 636-326-4720

10/22/14 – Public Availability Session to discuss remedial action and the Five Year Review for the Parkview Well Site, Grand Island, Neb. Contact: Brad Vann, 7611

WWPD

9/30-10/2/14 – North Central Region Water Network's Water Resource Management Conference, Bloomington, Minn. Contact: Damon Frizzell, 7560

10/8-9/14 – 2014 National CAFO Roundtable, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/15-16/14 – Big River Task Force Meeting with Other State and Federal Agencies, Farmington, Mo. Contact: Jeannette Schafer, 7297

10/20-21/14 – Hypoxia Task Force Meeting, Alton, Ill. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

11/3-6/14 – EPA Tribal 106 Coordinators Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Heather Duncan, 7640
